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FROM: Kurt E. Floren   
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SUBJECT: **MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY ERADICATION IN SOUTH PARK**

Since my last update of March 18, 2014, detections of two additional female specimens of Mediterranean Fruit Fly (Medfly) have occurred in the vicinity of previous specimens, amounting to a total of eight confirmed mature specimens (seven females and one male). In addition, larval specimens have been detected and confirmed in three locations in the same vicinity, providing continuing evidence of an active breeding population of this highly destructive exotic insect pest.

As previously detailed, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) initiated procedures to eradicate this infestation. To recount, these procedures include, with resident notification, applications via backpack sprayers of Spinosad bait (an organic product derived from naturally-occurring soil bacteria) to host plants within 200 meters of find sites, upon which the fruit flies feed and are killed by the small amount of Spinosad in the bait. Host fruit is removed from properties where larval specimens have been confirmed and from all surrounding properties within 100 meters. No aerial bait treatments are planned.

A quarantine has been in place since March 24, restricting movement of specific fruits, vegetables, and plant materials from and through the area. The 88-square mile quarantine is bordered on the north by West Temple Street, on the south by East Imperial Highway, on the west by South La Cienega Boulevard, and to the east by Interstate 710 (please see attached map). My staff has been coordinating with CDFA personnel to inform industry professionals as well as residents about the quarantine restrictions.

Concerned residents can be referred to the CDFA Pest Hotline at 1-800-491-1899. Residents have been generally supportive of the eradication operation, as only eight property owners have refused treatment among over 1,000 properties treated, and only one residence exists at which fruit-stripping operations have not been completed due to resident refusal.

We are informing City of Los Angeles staff and area Board offices to enable staff to answer questions from the public. I will continue to update you as details become available and warrant an update.

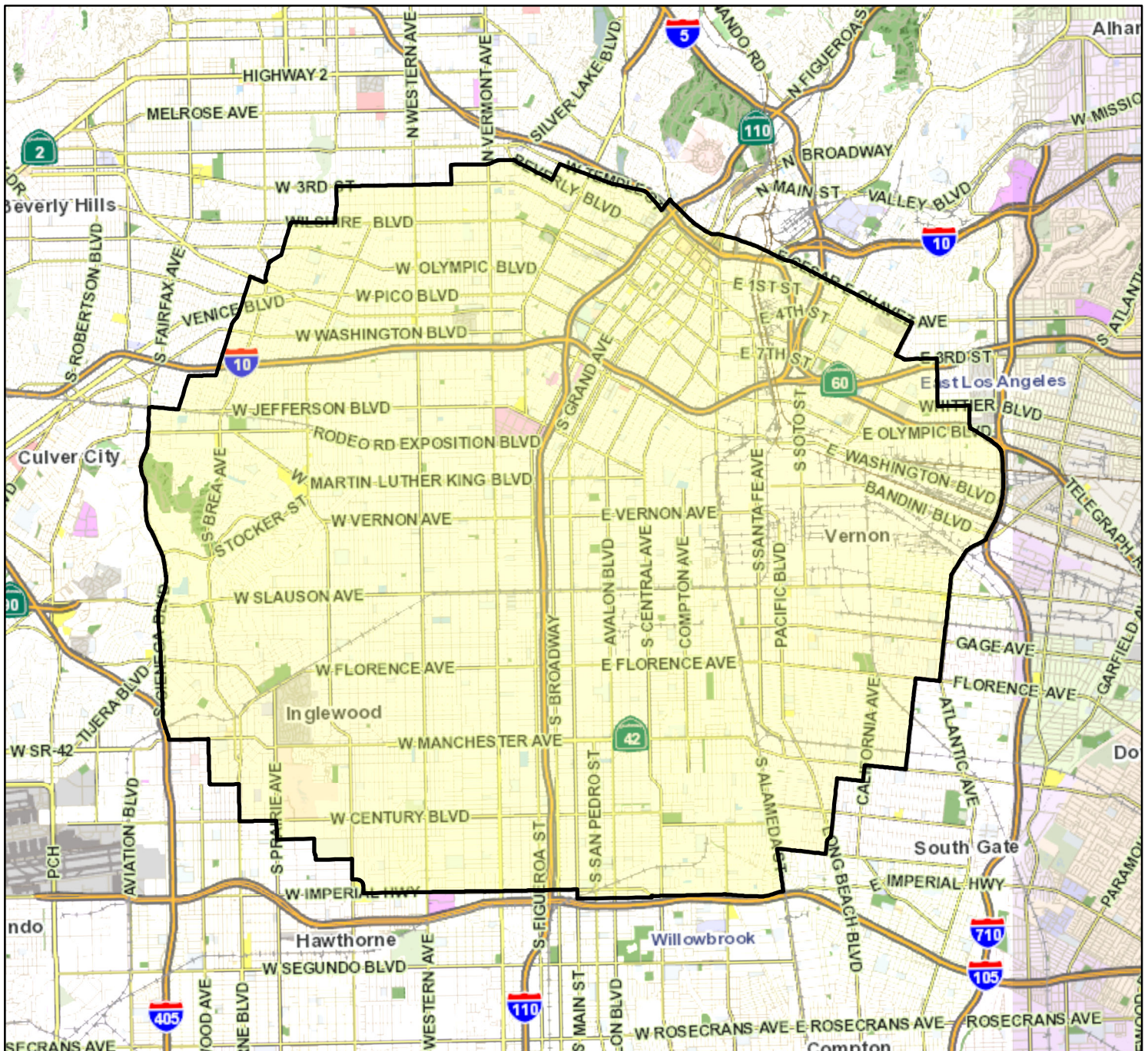
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


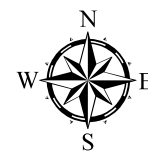
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2014 Medfly CDFA Quarantine Boundaries



**CDFA HOTLINE 800-491-1899**

**Legend**

 2014 CDFA Medfly Quarantine Boundaries(QB)



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